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REMARKS

Applicants would like to take this opportunity to thank the Examiner for graciously holding an interview with the undersigned representative on November 12, 2004, which is recapitulated in the Interview Summary dated November 15, 2004. Claims 2-6 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. As claim 1 already was cancelled, claims 7-11 are pending. Basis for the amendment is found throughout the specification, such as in Table 13 on page 20, for example. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment is not limiting, and it is introduced to correct a typographical error identified by the Examiner (please refer to the Interview Summary).

The Office required restriction of the claims in the Office communication. The Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group II (claims 7-11) for examination. As the Applicants do not elect the subject matter of Group I, no species election should be required.

While the Applicants do not traverse the restriction requirement, it is respectfully submitted that the grounds for the new restriction requirement was not necessitated by the typographical error in claim 7. The restriction requirement is based upon the Office's distinction between products and methods, not a distinction based upon the number of polymorphic sites identified in the methods. Thus, restriction was not required due to confusion caused by the typographical error since the Office could have issued the restriction requirement sooner based upon the general categorization of the claims (i.e., product and method).

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If it is believed that further discussions would advance prosecution, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,

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